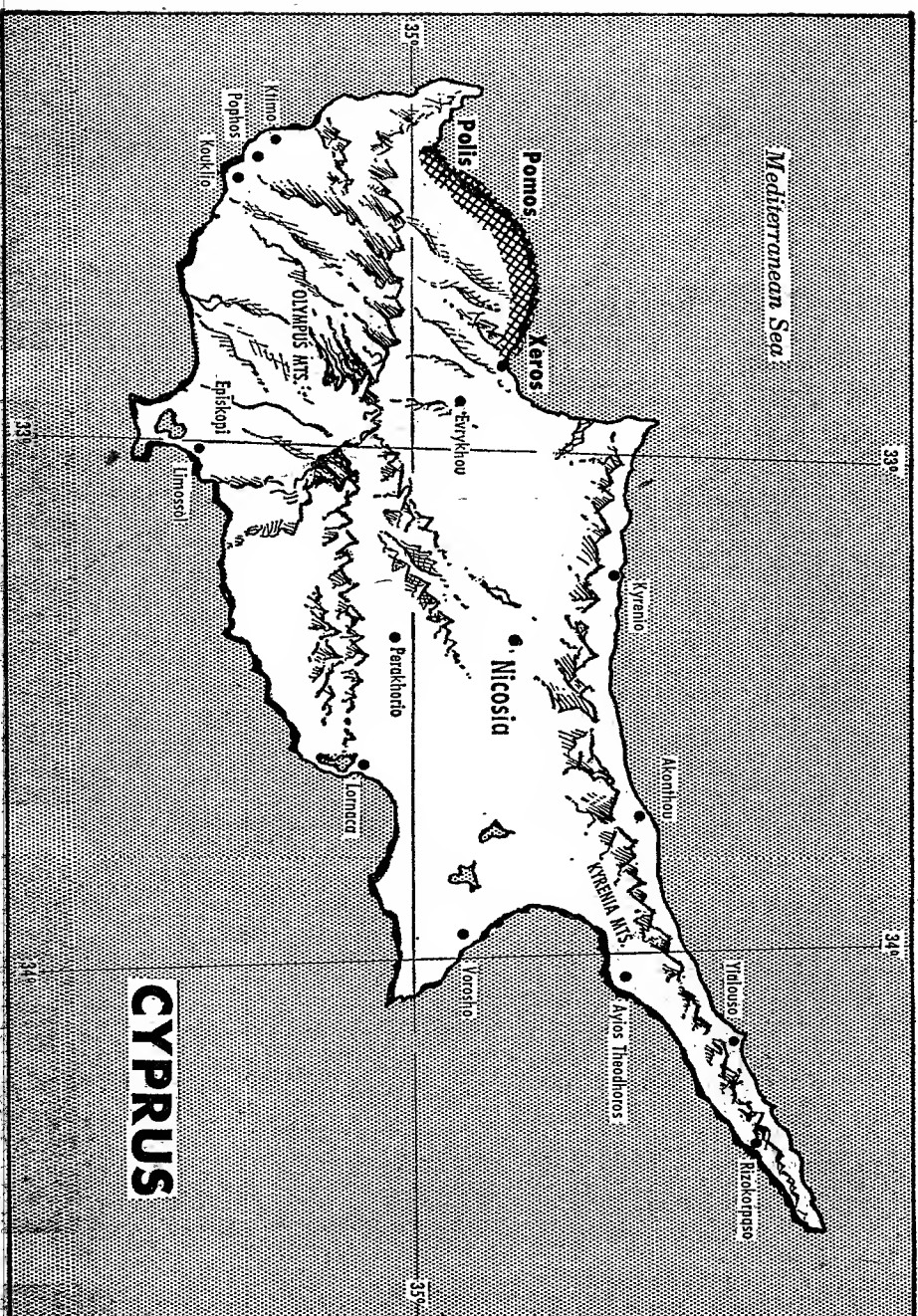


Turkish Jets Hit Cyprus, Kill 24, Hurt 200 Greeks



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Cross-hatched section locates area of strafing and fighting on Cyprus yesterday. Another Cyprus map, A20.

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Ankara Declares It 'Limited' Air Action Against Offensive

From News Dispatches

NICOSIA, Aug. 8—The Cyprus civil war flared into its most explosive form today as Turkish Air Force jets countered a Greek Cypriot offensive with a series of rocket and machine-gun attacks.

The Cyprus government announced that 24 Greek Cypriots were killed and 200 wounded in the aerial attacks, with "the count continuing." Hospitals were overflowing with victims including women, children and infants, the government said.

Meanwhile, Greek Cypriot forces pressed an apparently successful drive for control of

NATO Council warns Greece and Turkey that war between them would endanger the West.

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Urgent peace message reportedly sent to Cyprus by Greek Premier.

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Announcement of new

the Kokkina-Mansoura region, the last coastal area on the island held by Turkish Cypriots.

Action Called 'Limited'

Turkey, describing the aerial attacks as "limited police action by air," also placed its armed forces on full alert, canceled leaves and sent at least 14 warships sailing out of Turkish ports for undisputed destinations.

United Nations sources said one Turkish plane, an American-made Super-Sabre jet, apparently was hit by Greek Cypriot anti-aircraft fire and exploded over the Greek port of Xeros.

The pilot parachuted to the ground where he reportedly was taken into custody by Greek Cypriot police.

Greek Cypriot Boat Hit

U.N. sources said the plane was one of several that struck at a Greek Cypriot patrol boat, killing at least five persons aboard and wounding 13 others. The burning ship was reported beached near Xeros harbor.

to the aid of their country

The air attacks hit at Greek Cypriot targets from Polis, near Cyprus's northwestern tip, to Xeros, about 25 miles to the northeast. Polis is 55 miles west of Nicosia.

Xeros lies east of the Turkish - Cypriot - controlled port of Kokkina — principal objectives of the Greek Cypriot offensive that began early yesterday and triggered the Turkish air attacks.

Goals Seen Attained

Despite the Turkish air attacks, official United States sources in Washington said

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that by nightfall Saturday, the Greek Cypriots appeared to have largely attained their objective of occupying the strategic coastal area.

fallen. The fishing village was

However, there was no report on whether Kokkina, being defended by an estimated 300 Turkish Cypriots, had reported still under siege by some 2000 Greek Cypriot troops using artillery, heavy mortars, machine guns and patrol boats.

There also was no indication of whether action by the United Nations Security Coun-

cil which was meeting in New York to consider countercharges by Greece and Turkey would be able to halt the fighting.

Drive Intensified

The crisis began reaching its flash point early yesterday when Greek Cypriot forces, including coastal patrol boats that bombarded Turkish Cypriot villages, intensified the drive into the troubled coastal area.

Later yesterday, Turkey sent four jets over the island in what Turkish officials called a "warning" against further attacks on the Turkish Cypriots. The Turkish government denied that planes on the first flight did any shooting, although reports from the island said that boats in Polis

harbor and elsewhere had been strafed.

Early today, Turkey sent another flight of planes over the island to repeat the warning and to take aerial photographs of the Turkish Cypriot positions. These planes, Turkish officials said, also refrained from shooting.

Then, when pleas for help from besieged Turkish Cypriot positions reportedly became more desperate, Turkey launched its aerial attack.

Turkish officials announced in Ankara that 30 jets took part in the attack. They said

the attack was aimed at military targets connected with the forays against Turkish Cypriots.

The air strikes were concentrated against Greek Cypriot positions and roads near Kokkina. The village of Pomos, about midway between Polis and Xeros, also was hit.

Meanwhile in Nicosia, the Greek Cypriot-dominated government of President Makarios ordered its 30,000-man national guard on the alert.

Britain, which formerly ruled Cyprus, issued a call from London for the feuding Greek and Turkish Cypriots to agree to a cease-fire under U.N. supervision.

Root of Trouble

The crisis developed last December over a plan by Makarios, who is a Greek orthodox archbishop, to remove the legislative veto of the Turkish Cypriot minority on questions of finance, defense and foreign affairs.

Turkish Cypriot objections to the plan caused an outbreak of fighting between the two groups that has since continued sporadically. A U.N. military force sent to the island has been unable to bring the two sides together and end the fighting.

The crisis has achieved international significance because the governments of both Turkey and Greece have sided with their nationals



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Turkish troops made defensive preparations yesterday across the border from Thrace (1) and Turkish ships were reported to have left Iskenderun (2) as the Cyprus conflict between Greece and Turkey sharpened. Thrace is the only part of Greece bordering on Turkey.

among the island's population
and have threatened repeatedly
to come to their aid in the
event of attack by opposing
forces.